

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL)
REGULAR MEETING)
FEBRUARY 10, 2003)

PRESENT: Chairman Gunnells, Vice Chairman Brown, Larry Walker, Claude Thomas, John Calhoun, David Forrester, Billy Norris, Director Burns and Attorney Pruitt

Chairman Gunnells opened a public hearing on an ordinance to amend ordinance number 3-7-77 (Abbeville County Zoning Ordinance) regulating the placement, size, height and location of off-premise signs in unincorporated Abbeville County. Mr. Robert Sherard spoke regarding the ordinance and questioned some ambiguity contained in the ordinance. Ms. Dorothy Sherard reiterated those comments. There being no further comments the Chairman concluded the public hearing.

- I. Chairman Gunnells called the meeting to order with prayer given by Vice-Chairman Brown.
- II. The first item on the agenda was approval of the January 27, 2003, minutes. A motion was made by Council Member Walker to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- III. The third item on the agenda was committee reports. The only committee with a report was The Intergovernmental Relations Committee chaired by Councilman David Forrester. This committee recommended that the appointments to the Board of Voter Registration be forwarded back to his committee for further discussion. Chairman Gunnells then announced his appointments to the five various committees. They are as follow:

Personnel & Administration

Scott Brown, Chairman
Billy Norris
Larry Walker

Finance Committee

Ray Gunnells, Chairman
Larry Walker
Scott Brown

Public Works

Larry Walker, Chairman
Ray Gunnells
David Forrester

Intergovernmental Relations

Claude Thomas, Chairman
Billy Norris
John Calhoun

Planning and Industrial Development

David Forrester—Chairman
Larry Walker
Scott Brown

Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare

John Calhoun, Chairman
Claude Thomas
David Forrester

Public Safety

Billy Norris, Chairman
John Calhoun
Claude Thomas

- IV. The fourth item on the agenda was third reading on an ordinance to amend Ordinance 3-7-77 (Abbeville County Zoning Ordinance) regulating the placement, size, height and location of off-premise signs in the unincorporated portions of Abbeville County. A motion was made by Councilman Walker to to give third reading to the ordinance. Councilman Scott Brown seconded it. There was discussion by council members on the motion. Councilman Walker then made a motion to table the ordinance. It was seconded by Councilman Brown. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- V. The fifth item on the agenda was consideration of third reading of an ordinance to extend the boundaries of the Donalds-Due West water and sewer special purpose district. No motions were made and this issue remains on the table.
- VI. The sixth item on the agenda was the decision on the date, time and place of 2003 meetings. The Chairman made a motion that the meetings be held on the second and fourth Mondays at the County Office Building at 7:30 p.m. or by special call of the Chairman. Councilman Scott Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- VII. The seventh item on the agenda is the payment of \$27,092 from the Accommodation Tax fund to the General Fund. This is Abbeville County's share of the accommodations tax monies. A motion was made by Councilman Scott Brown to transfer the funds. Councilman Walker seconded it. The motion carried 7-0-0. The tenth item on the agenda was a resolution approving the recommendations of the Accommodations Tax Committee regarding the expenditure of Accommodation Tax monies. A motion was made by Council

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Member Forrester to appropriate the funds as recommended. Council Member Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- VIII.** The eighth item on the agenda was the Director's Report. Director Burns mentioned that a meeting was held between the City Manager for Abbeville, the County Director and the Superintendent of Education for the Abbeville School district to discuss the future of the Old Wright Middle School. These three individuals agreed that a committee consisting of two members from the City Council, two members from the County Council and the two administrative officers needed to be created to explore possible joint ventures with this property. Councilman Larry Walker supporting the establishment of the committee made a motion, and further those two members of Council and the County Director work simultaneously with the City on this topic. The Chairman of County Council was to appoint the committee after some consideration. Councilman John Calhoun seconded the motion with the remark that Councilman Claude Thomas, an alumnus, should be appointed to the committee. The motion carried 6-1-0.

The County Director then briefed the Council on a trip to Columbia on February 21, 2003, to attend a seminar provided by the Department of Commerce on Economic Development. He requested they let him know if they were willing to attend.

A motion was then made by Chairman Gunnells to go into Executive Session. Council Member Billy Norris seconded it. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Chairman Gunnells reconvened the regular meeting following executive session. No action was taken in executive session.

Councilman Billy Norris made a motion to accept the contract regarding EMS providers as submitted by the County Attorney. Councilman Scott Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

A motion was made by Council Billy Norris to adjourn. Councilman Claude Thomas seconded it. The motion carried 7-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:00.

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